

Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board

Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2023

I. Roll Call

Board President David Kern called to order the regular meeting of the Personnel Review Board at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The meeting was held telephonically.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. David Kern, Ms. Phoebe Williams, Mr. Daniel Dennehy, Ms. Yovira Moroney and Mr. Greg Renz.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the May 2, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board by unanimous vote (5-0) approved the minutes of the May 2, 2023, meeting.

III. Communications and/or comments from the public, if any.

None.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. First Appearances

A. SUSPENSIONS

MERLIN AMAYA, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #1-4794 dated 04/28/2023 for PS #23-023 for 60 Days

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee, Merlin Amaya, submitted a signed waiver of hearing for the Notice of Suspension.

The Board acknowledged the waiver of hearing and closed this case.

PAUL MESA, CLERICAL SPECIALIST, SHERIFF

Case #1-4795 dated 04/28/2023 for PS #23-099 for 5 Days

Case #1-4796 dated 04/28/2023 for PS #23-102 for 7 Days

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee, Paul Mesa, submitted signed waivers of hearing for the two Notices of Suspension. The parties agreed to reduce the second suspension (PS #23-102) to 5-days.

The Board acknowledged the waivers of hearing and closed these cases.

VI. Hearing

A. SUSPENSION

DANIEL WALTON, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #1-4790 dated 03/24/2023 for PS #22-373 for 15 Days

At 2:09 p.m., Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Moroney seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed session to deliberate the Daniel Walton matter. At 3:21 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

Mr. Kern moved, Mr. Renz seconded, and by unanimous vote (5-0), the Board found the evidence was sufficient to sustain the violations of Civil Service Rule VII, Section 4(1), paragraphs (b), (i), (l) and (u); specifically, Milwaukee County Sheriff Office Policies 319.5.9(k), 319.5.10(f) and 319.5.10(g), and upheld the 15-day suspension.

VII. Review and Discussion of Open Appeal

At 2:09 p.m., Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Moroney seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed session to review and discuss the open appeal. At 3:21 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Renz moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board, by unanimous vote (5-0), adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry, PRB Paralegal